

Section 1 Notetaking Study Guide

Question to Think About As you read Section 1 in your textbook and take notes, keep this section focus question in mind: **How did early civilizations develop in the Americas?**

► Use this chart to record key information from the section. Some information has been filled in to get you started.

The Land Bridge
Why it existed: _____
What body of water covers it now: <u>Bering Strait</u>
Places it linked: _____
When people crossed it: <u>between 20,000 and 30,000 years ago</u>
Why it's important: _____

How Early Civilizations Developed
1. Early people were <u>hunters</u> , following large animals. Eventually they spread across _____ and _____.
2. As _____ became extinct, people changed from <u>hunting</u> to _____ food.
3. About _____ years ago, gatherers in <u>Mexico</u> began cultivating _____ and _____, among other plants.
4. Farmers developed _____, a method to channel _____ from rivers or streams. They also learned how to raise _____.
5. With a dependable food supply, the _____ grew. The Native Americans were soon producing a surplus, or <u>extra</u> food, that could be _____ with others.
6. Some farming communities grew into _____.

Three Great Civilizations		
People	Location	Accomplishments
Mayas		
Aztecs		
Incas		

Refer to this page to answer the Chapter 1 Focus Question on page 15.